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Sacramento State Parks to offer Free Admission For September 11 “Day of Remembrance”

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Sacramento – The Capital City’s State Historic Parks and State-operated museums will observe a “Day of Remembrance” on September 11, offering free admission and inviting public introspection about California’s—and our nation’s—heritage one year after the horrific events of terrorism in New York and Washington.

Sacramento State Parks Offering Free Admission

This September 11th

California State Capitol Museum

California State Indian Museum

California State Railroad Museum

Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park

Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park

Old Sacramento State Historic Park

In addition to these sites, several other (non-State Parks affiliated) Sacramento-area museums will offer free admission.

“Mention ‘State Parks’ and most Californians will think of pristine beaches, mountains, forests, and deserts. What many don’t know, however, is that the California State Parks system is also

responsible for conserving and maintaining much of California's extraordinary cultural legacy, as reflected in our numerous State Historic Sites and State Museums," said California State Parks Deputy Director for Communications Roy Stearns. "I can't think of a better place to spend

September 11th than at one of our local museums and State Historic Sites. Last year on this day, these special places stood vacant following widespread orders for most of us to stay at home. This year, these places, which tell the story of our nation's heritage, are a fitting place for remembrance and reflection."

Day of Remembrance is a nationwide effort sponsored by the American Association of Museums and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. In connection with this effort, museums throughout the United States will be hosting special activities, previewing special exhibits, and/or offering free or reduced-price admissions. These activities help underscore museums' roles as stewards of the nation's stories and its special places, where communities can gather together to reaffirm and examine our freedom to assemble, freedom to inquire, freedom to express ideas, and freedom from fear.

"Working together, museums can make a powerful statement about the richness of the American experience in communities across the United States," notes the Web site of the American Association of Museums. "Museums are centers of community life with programs and services for families, lifelong learners, schools, and others. Their responses to the Sept. 11 attacks were as diverse as the communities they serve and underscored the central role these institutions play in people's lives. Now museums seek to unite with their communities once again, this time to mark the anniversary of the attacks and celebrate the freedom's that sustain the nation's strength." To learn more about Day of Remembrance, visit www.aam-us.org.

The California State Parks System encompasses 273 units including beaches, deserts, forests, preserves, historic sites and museums. For information about the California State Parks system, including operating hours, locations, programs, and events at individual state parks, state historic sites and museums, visit www.parks.ca.gov.

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